

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Patterson for indicating that Claims 1-9, 12-37, 76-78, and 85 are allowed. Applicants submit that, in view of the present amendments and remarks, all of the pending claims are now allowable.

The rejection of Claims 38, 41, 42, 72, 73, 75, 79-84, and 86 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of Yokoyama et al; the rejection of Claims 38, 41-43, 72, and 73 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Ejima et al; and the rejection of Claims 38, 41-43, 72, 73, 79-81, and 86 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Ejima et al in view of Yokoyama et al have been obviated by appropriate amendment. As the Examiner will note, Applicants have canceled rejected Claims 38, 41-43, 72, 73, 75, 79-84, and 86. Accordingly, the rejections should be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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